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- 1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S EXPLAINING REASONING (PARA 9 REFTEL A) BEHIND HESITATION AT SPONSORING "NECESSARY RESOURCES" RESOLUTION, BECAUSE THIS PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE MISCONCEPTION AND CONSEQUENTLY TO STRENGTHEN PRESENTATION THIS TOPIC IN US STATEMENT THIRD COMMITTEE.
- 2. MISSION CONCURS FULLY WITH COMMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS POLICY STAFF (IO/IBC) THAT THE GENERAL US POSITION IS TO BE OPPOSED TO TRANSFERS "OF COSTS OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS TO THE UN REGULAR BUDGET." BUT THE RESOLUTION IN QUESTION DOES NOT SEEK TO TRANSFER THE COSTS OF AN EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUND (UNFDAC) TO THE REGULAR BUDGET; IT SEEKS TO THE CONTRARY, TO TRANSFER TO THE REGULAR BUDGET COSTS OF REGULAR STATUTORY ACTIVITIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE TO THE REGULAR BUDGET, SO THAT UNFDAC FUNDS MAY BE FREED TO CARRY OUT THE EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH UNFDAC WAS DESIGNED.

3. UNFDAC UNDERTOOK THE EXCEPTIONAL FUNCTION OF STRENGTHENING THE SECRETARIATS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (INCB, DND, AND OTHERS) TO PERFORM THEIR STATUTORY

DUTIES BECAUSE NOT ENOUGH ALLOTMENTS WERE AVAILABLE IN THE REGULAR BUDGET TO COVER INCREASED NEEDS FOR POSTS CAUSED BY THE INCREASING DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND THE INCREASING NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES DESIGNED TO REMEDY THAT CRISIS. THIS WAS DONE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, HOWEVER, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE UN ADMINISTRATION WOULD GRADUALLY INCORPORATE THESE REGULAR COSTS INTO THE REGULAR BUDGET. THIS "TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT" IS NOW INTO ITS FIFTH YEAR. IT OUGHT NOT TO BE CONTINUED IN-DEFINITELY; THE SUBJECT RESOLUTION THEREFORE RECOGNIZES THAT "REGULAR AND STATUTORY ACTIVITIES HAVE INCREASED DURING RECENT YEARS..." (PREAMBULAR PARA 4) BEARS IN MIND THAT "THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CARRY OUT THESE INCREASED REGULAR AND STATUTORY ACTIVITIES...SHALL IN FACT BE ALLOCATED FROM THE UN REGULAR BUDGET RATHER THAN FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS..." (PREAMBULAR PARA 5) AND, IN THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH REQUESTS THAT "THE NECESSARY RESOURCES BE ALLOCATED IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE ORGANS AND THE SECTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT ENTRUSTED WITH INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL FUNCTIONS TO CARRY OUT THEIR IMPORTANT AND INCREASED WORK IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER." (SEE REFTEL)

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET BLOC, WE NOTE THAT SEVERAL OF ITS MEMBERS ARE PARTIES TO THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION (WHICH IS ONE OF THE TREATIES CREATING ADLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DITIONAL ACTIVITY), WHILE ONLY ONE (RUMANIA) IS PARTY TO THE AMENDING PROTOCOL. WE DOUBT WHETHER THE BLOC WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ANY OF THE DRUG CONTROL RESOLUTIONS, BUT ALSO DOUBT WHETHER THEY WILL THREATEN WITHHOLDING ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR "TRANSFERS TO POSTS FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDING TO THE REGULAR UN BUDGET" IF THEY UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THE THRUST OF THE RESOLUTION AS EXPLAINED ABOVE. PERHAPS US REP COULD ELUCIDATE THIS POINT IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE FLOOR.

5. MISSION HAS CONTACTED MR. A. NOLL, SECRETARY
OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS FOR PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING
OTHER SPONSORS FOR "NECESSARY RESOURCES" RESOLUTION. HE
HAS CONTACTED FRENCH AND TURKISH MISSIONS HERE URGING
THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN UNGA CONTACT US REPS FOR COPY
OF RESOLUTION AND TO ARRANGE STRATEGY AND CO-SPONSORSHIP.
THEIR RESPONSES HAVE BEEN AFFIRMATIVE. HE IS STILL IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING FRG.
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